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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT TO SWEDEN

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT RUDOLPH  
KIRCHSCHLAEGER'S STATE VISIT TO SWEDEN MAY 18-20 WAS  
PRIMARILY CEREMONIAL BUT SEVERAL AREAS OF POSSIBLE  
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COOPERATION WERE DISCUSSED BY THE SWEDISH AND AUSTRIAN

FOREIGN MINISTERS. LITTLE CAME OUT OF THE DISCUSSIONS EXCEPT AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE VISIT (BO LOFGREN, CHIEF OF SECTION) BRIEFED EMBASSY OFFICER ON THE VISIT. HE SAID KIRCHSCHLAEGER'S PORTION WAS LIMITED TO CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS AND INFORMAL SOCIAL DISCUSSIONS, BUT ADDED THAT TALKS BETWEEN SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON AND HIS AUSTRIAN COUNTERPART BIELKA-KARLTREU, WHO HAD BEEN IN STOCKHOLM IN FEBRUARY, SERVED TO SUM UP AND FURTHER CLARIFY AUSTRIAN-SWEDISH THINKING IN SEVERAL AREAS. THERE WAS NO AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION.

3. BIELKA AND ANDERSON DISCUSSED THE AUSTRIAN DESIRE TO INVIGORATE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN FEBRUARY. LOFGREN SAID THE SWEDES AND AUSTRIANS SHARE CONCERN ABOUT THE PREPONDERANCE OF THE EEC AND THE NEED TO COUNTERBALANCE IT, AND THAT THE SWEDES ARE FRUSTRATED BY THE COUNCIL'S LACK OF EFFECTIVENESS. THE AUSTRIANS HAD PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF USING EFTA AS A MEDIUM TO MEET AND DISCUSS THE SITUATION, AND AS A FORUM TO WORK ON FORMING A UNITED POLITICAL APPROACH IN RELATIONS WITH THE COMMON MARKET AND OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD. LOFGREN SAID THE SWEDES CONSIDER EFTA TO BE THE WRONG FRAMEWORK FOR SUCH COOPERATION AND WERE RATHER COOL TO THE IDEA, THOUGH THEY FAVOR THE CONCEPT OF CREATING A MEANS TO COUNTERBALANCE THE EEC. THEY FEEL THE NORDIC CONTEXT IS A MORE NATURAL ONE FOR SWEDEN.

4. THE SWEDES ALSO ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF KRIESKY'S MAY 5 SPEECH BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, WHICH DEALT IN PART WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF POLITICIZING THE OECD. LOFGREN SAID THAT BIELKA TERMED THE OECD A UNIQUE GROUPING WHICH ENCOMPASSED THE "FREE WORLD," A CONCEPT THE SWEDES FOUND STRANGE, AND THAT MEMBERS COULD FORM A COMMON ATTITUDE TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD AND DETENTE. THE SWEDES THOUGHT THIS WAS "PREPOSTEROUS," LOFGREN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATED, AND ADDED THAT THE AUSTRIANS SEEMED SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSED BY SWEDISH REACTION. THE SWEDES FEEL THAT THE AUSTRIANS LACK A COHERENT APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF FOREIGN AID, AND THAT THEY HAVE A NAIVE "MISSIONARY APPROACH."

5. TURNING TO CSCE, BIELKA EXPRESSED AUSTRIAN RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE

NEUTRALS IN VIENNA SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER (REFTEL), AND THEIR DOUBTS ABOUT THE UTILITY OF MEETING SO SOON AFTER THE LAST SESSION IN HELSINKI, APRIL 29-30. THEY AND SWEDES AGREED THAT THEY WANT TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF A THIRD BLOCK BEING FORMED. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO SWEDEN MAY 12, BIELKA NOTED THAT ROMANIA WAS ALSO THE MOST DIFFICULT COUNTRY FOR THE AUSTRIANS TO DEAL WITH OVER FAMILY RE-UNIFICATION.

6. IN A SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE VISIT, ACTING CHIEF OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS THYBERG TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT BIELKA HAD REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS IN OSLO ON THE GROWTH OF SOVIET POWER, AND SAID THAT AUSTRIANS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE THREAT OF EVENTUAL SOVIET MILITARY SUPERIORITY. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO REAL DANGER BECAUSE THE US IS 10 YEARS AHEAD OF THE SOVIETS IN THE TECHNOLOGY WHICH REALLY MATTERED, AND THAT THE GAP WOULD INCREASE OVER THE COMING YEARS.  
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